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FRANKFURT FOR RSS AND RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: TERRORIST THREAT AGAINST AMEMBASSY BONN AND
UPJOHN INTERNATIONAL, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

1. AT 2357 HOURS FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1978, AN UNIDENTI-
FIED MALE CALLER (SPEAKING WITH A GERMAN ACCENT)
TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD AND GAVE THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN GERMAN:
CALLER - A TERRORIST ATTACK IS PLANNED AGAINST THE
EMBASSY AND AGAINST THE COMPANY UPJOHN INTERNATIONAL
IN KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, USA. THE NAME OF A TERRORIST
SYMPATHIZER IS GERIDANT.
OPERATOR - WHEN IS THIS TO TAKE PLACE?
CALLER - IN THE NEXT TIME. YOU SHOULD PASS ON THIS
INFORMATION QUICKLY.
OPERATOR - WHERE ARE YOU CALLING FROM?
CALLER - UPJOHN FROM BONN.
OPERATOR - WHO ARE YOU AND HOW DID YOU GET THIS
MESSAGE?
CALLER - YOUR EMBASSY SHOULD FIND OUT THAT. YOU HAVE
TO ACT FAST. GERIDANT IS A GERMAN. HE HELPS TERRORISTS.
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THE CALLER THAN HUNG UP.

2. THE EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR APPROPRIATELY
TAPED THE CONVERSATION AS PER STANDARD SECURITY
PROCEDURES WHEN DEALING WITH BOMB/TERRORIST
THREATENING PHONE CALLS, AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED THE
RSO. THE RSO TOOK THE PROPER NOTIFICATION, INCREASED

SECURITY MEASURES, AND TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SY/CC/TAG THAT UPJOHN INTERNATIONAL, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED. SY IN TURN PROVIDED INFORMATION TO THE RSO THAT MR. WOLFGANG JACOBI, DIRECTOR, UPJOHN INTERNATIONAL, HEPPENHEIM, WAS THE SOLE UPJOHN FACILITY IN WEST GERMANY. RSO BRIEFED JACOBI AND APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

3. ON AUGUST 28, 1978 RSO MET WITH JACOBI, HANS GOEDECKE, AND FRANZ RIEGER, ALL REPRESENTATIVES OF UPJOHN INTERNATIONAL AT THE EMBASSY. JACOBI, GOEDECKE, AND RIEGER MADE A "100 PERCENT POSITIVE" VOICE TAPE IDENTIFICATION OF THE CALLER. THE CALLER WAS IDENTIFIED AS A LEO POPIEN, SALES REPRESENTATIVE, UPJOHN INTERNATIONAL, ESSENER STRASSE, BAD BREISIG, WEST GERMANY. BONN CRIMINAL POLICE AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN SWORN STATEMENTS FROM ALL PERSONS INVOLVED AND PLAN TO INTERVIEW POPIEN. EMBASSY LEGAL ADVISOR AND MINISTER ADVISED. INVESTIGATION BY WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES CONTINUES.

4. NO TERRORIST INCIDENT HAS OCCURRED AT EMBASSY.
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